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IN RE APPLICATION OF : Hans-Joachim Graf  
  
FOR : **BLEND OF EPDM AND SBR USING AN  
EPDM OF DIFFERENT ORIGIN AS A  
COMPATIBILIZER**  
  
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Dear Assistant Commissioner:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, applicant(s) submit(s) the following Disclosure Statement concerning art of which the applicant(s) is (are) aware. A copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein or submitted herewith is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

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Under § 1.98(a)(3), no concise explanation of relevance is required for information that is in the English language. Accordingly, the enclosed patent requires no further explanation.



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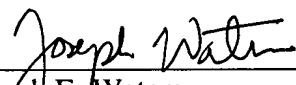
Consideration of the following paragraph is respectfully requested:

[X] **BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION:** Under § 1.97(b)(3), this information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Although it is believed no fee is necessary, any deficiency in fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

It is respectfully requested that the attached document(s) be considered and officially cited in examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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